

Leicester,  
July 26/76

Dear friend Garrison;

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Yr. note of yesterday brings me the first intelligence I have of the death of our dear Richard W. Webb; the letter from his son Richd. to us not having yet come to hand. I thank you very much for writing to us <sup>so promptly</sup> of it. Until quite within a few months I have thought it possible we might see him again in America. His going inflicts a loss on very many of us; but, to those of us who are getting towards the verge of life, these losses seem, & are, less & less irreparable, - are more natural in their character, and the time of forming anew the broken connexion appears not so far off. After I recd. Richard's note of July 5<sup>th</sup>, I felt that any day might bring us the news of his departure; and I broke the seal, last Monday, of one of July 11<sup>th</sup> without a doubt that it told of it; but he was still alive & conscious, tho' barely able to hear a letter read. It seems he continued 3 days longer. The funeral must have occurred about the time I was writing to you from Lancaster, N. H.

I do not know about writing for the  
"Chr. Register," though I would willingly offer  
any tribute & testimony in my power to our  
dear Webb's worth. There, or in some other paper,  
perhaps I may. I trust you will make  
mention of him, - perhaps in the "Independent".

— Now I am sorry for having got  
your extract concerning Mr. Greeley into  
print; but I waited a week to receive  
a reply from you, and, as nothing came, I  
concluded you had no objection. And when  
I was at Jefferson, a week ago today, I told  
William that I wanted to use that portion  
of your letter, & that I had written to you to  
that effect. He said, "I don't think father would  
have any objection". Still I waited, until  
I thought I might <sup>safely</sup> ~~fully~~ assume that such  
was the case. So it has got published, - in  
yesterday's "Daily Spy", Worcester, - whence I  
see it is copied into to-day's "Advertiser" of  
Boston. I don't think it can interfere with  
any more extended article; but nevertheless



I regret having sent it to the papers, as it  
is not just ~~not~~ what you would have chosen.  
- Its few words about Mr. Sumner are also valuable,  
whose attitude is a most extraordinary and  
reprehensible one.

William told me they were hoping for  
a visit from you at Jefferson soon. I  
hope you can get a comfortable room there,  
and will spend some little time with them.  
It is a rare place for pure air & delightful  
views. I was pleased to see him appearing  
better every way, - while the steadiness &  
cheerfulness of his mind, and the complete  
absence of anything of murmuring & complaint,  
are beyond all words of praise and are  
beautiful to see. I was glad to find,  
too, that Ella was so free from her headaches  
there, & all the children seemed well.

With much love to yr. wife, I am  
Very truly Yours, L. May.  
We are all as usual, & desire remembrance.

